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### **Rep. Murtha, Director General Calvin Ho on Passage of AJR 69**

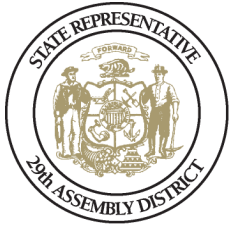


Rep. Travis Tranel, Pi-Lin Chuang, Director General Calvin Ho, Eva Yeh, Rep. Bob Kulp, and Rep. Murtha after Assembly Passage of AJR 69.

**Madison** – On Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, the Wisconsin State Assembly adopted Joint Resolution 69, reaffirming support for the relationship between Wisconsin and Taiwan and supporting Taiwan’s efforts to increase its international profile.

The United States ranks as Taiwan’s 3<sup>rd</sup>-largest trading partner and Taiwan ranks as the 12<sup>th</sup>-largest trading partner of the United States. Taiwan was Wisconsin’s 21<sup>st</sup>-largest export destination in 2014, with \$182 million worth of Wisconsin goods shipped to Taiwan. Following the vote, Representative Murtha said:

“I am glad to see the Wisconsin legislature recognize the sister-city and sister-state ties we have with the country of Taiwan. I had an opportunity to see this partnership in action



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this summer when I traveled to Taiwan as part of a Midwest political delegation. It is mutually beneficial to strengthen our relationship.”

Director General Calvin Ho of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Chicago was present to witness the passage of the resolution. Mr. Ho released this statement:

“We are highly appreciative of the resolution. The peoples of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and Wisconsin are long-standing good friends, and the statement of support for Taiwan is truly gratifying.

We treasure our sister-city and sister-state relationships with Wisconsin, as well as our agricultural, trade and cultural exchanges. The future is sure to bring even greater opportunities to develop and deepen these ties further, and we trust our friendship with the people of Wisconsin will grow warmer and closer over time.”

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